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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE STATEMENT ON THE ARREST OF SCOT SPENCER

SAN BERNARDINO, CA – On the morning of March 25, 2013, San Bernardino County District Attorney Michael Ramos announced the arrest of former airport contractor Scot Spencer, and charges filed against Spencer and a named co-conspirator. For more information about the nature of the charges and a copy of the complaint, please visit the District Attorney's website (click here).

The following is a statement issued by San Bernardino County Supervisor Josie Gonzales:

I support the District Attorney and the efforts of local and federal law enforcement agencies seeking justice on behalf of the citizens of this county. Redevelopment of the former Norton Air Force Base has been a critical component to revitalizing our region's economy. As a County Supervisor and member of the airport authority, it has always been my goal to bring economic opportunities back to the airport. With support from private sector partners, we have developed millions of square feet of logistics and warehousing facilities around the airport; all of which have created jobs for county residents.

Unfortunately, the unscrupulous business practices of Scot Spencer have tainted much of the good work done at the airport. From the moment the commission first learned of the investigation surrounding Mr. Spencer, the airport authority has done everything legally possible to distance itself from Mr. Spencer. We have terminated contracts with Spencer's companies, hired new administrative leadership, and pursued civil restitution for any outstanding debt owed by Mr. Spencer to the airport. The airport authority has and will continue to cooperate with all law enforcement agencies. I applaud the District Attorney's commitment to seek financial restitution as part of his prosecution. He has my full cooperation and the county will ensure he has the resources needed to see this criminal case to its conclusion.

Josie Gonzales is the Fifth District County Supervisor, member of the Inland Valley Development Agency's governing board, and alternate-member of the San Bernardino International Airport Authority commission

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